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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 2:54 PM
To: 'Bill Ames'
Subject: RE: Ref. 2014-372

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Dear Mr. Ames,

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Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Coordinator

From: Bill Ames [<mailto:copywriterbill@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 2:41 PM
To: PSC_Contact
Subject: Ref. 2014-372

I take the stand on not allowing uber in South Carolina. Based on the fact that they do not have proper insurance to protect customers and do not have proper licences like taxis and other transportation.

They claim to be a technology company but they collect money like any business and that should require licenses and taxes.

Bill Ames
copywriterbill@hotmail.com

Adams, Hope

From: Adams, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 9:45 AM
To: 'Jon Richards'
Subject: RE: #scneedsuber

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Dear Mr. Richards:

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Sincerely,

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From: Jon Richards [<mailto:jon@experthumanbeings.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 7:10 PM
To: PSC_Contact
Cc: _RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group
Subject: #scneedsuber

To whom it may concern,

As a South Carolina resident who has become a full time pedestrian, I am not an active user of Uber, but I have already seen how helpful the ridesharing service is to people trying to get into and out of downtown. We do not have a useful public transportation system in Greenville, and after business hours, we do not have public transportation at all. The existing taxi service is woefully inadequate to meet demand for shoppers, restaurant-goers, and, perhaps most importantly, alcohol consumers. The easier it is to find a ride home, the more consumers will be inclined to use it. When one is told that a taxi will be an hour wait, one thinks it would just be easier to jump in the car and risk it. This is not the culture we need to encourage in South Carolina. If we are going to continue to develop vibrant city centers, then we need to develop ways for our people to get in and out of the city easily. Uber has demonstrated across the country, and already in its short time on our roads to be a safe, reliable, and affordable option for people moving. Please don't take that away from us.

Sincerely,

Jon Richards
Owner, Greenville Growler Station

Adams, Hope

From: Adams, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 9:46 AM
To: 'Robert Brandt'
Subject: RE: In reference to docket number 2014 - 372 - T

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Dear Mr. Brandt:

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From: Robert Brandt [<mailto:waterwaytaxi@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 8:48 PM
To: PSC_Contact
Subject: Re: In reference to docket number 2014 - 372 - T

This is in reference to your decision today. I oppose it why did we all follow the rules and regs that we have to. Are we always going to let money change things. I come to believe there is only 2 classes in this world ones that work for what they get .and those who get what they want I am going to continue working for what I get makes me feel better of myself thank you Robert Brandt

On Jan 28, 2015 6:38 PM, "Robert Brandt" <waterwaytaxi@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear psc,

We are individual owners of taxi cabs in Myrtle Beach and have been in business for over 15 years following all city and state laws. Now uber wants to disregard the rules and regulations of city and state. We as small and big business owners in this great country of ours have obeyed the laws governed to us.

If you allow uber or any other big business to come into the US and do as they please what will become of our business licenses and taxes that we pay. We strongly urge you to stop this from happening.

Thank you,
Robert Brant
owner /operator of Waterway Taxi

Adams, Hope

From: Adams, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 9:47 AM
To: 'angelaohen'
Subject: RE: we love Uber ride share

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Dear Angela:

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From: angelaohen [<mailto:angelaohen@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:48 PM
To: PSC_Contact
Cc: _RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group
Subject: we love Uber ride share

this is great transportation for those of us who do not drive South Carolina is so backward in transportation. As a resident and as a tourist, there is absolutely no way to get around, such as going from the hotel to the beach, or to the grocery store. Young people, cannot survive if they do not have a car, so they cannot get to work...its just a vicious cycle of poverty due to lack of transportation in SC, furthermore there are NO SIDEWALKS to even walk to the library, school or shopping center.

Wake up SC, we are in the 21st century, your residents need to get moving and live a healthy life of activities thats why UBER is necessary.

It may not be the perfect solution, but it is a solution, because our leaders/politicians are not interested in solving transportation or infra structure problems.

Adams, Hope

From: Adams, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 9:48 AM
To: 'Magee, Shelley'
Subject: RE: Uber in South Carolina

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Dear Ms. Magee:

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From: Magee, Shelley [<mailto:smagee@abccolumbia.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 9:24 AM
To: PSC_Contact
Cc: _RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group
Subject: Uber in South Carolina

I discovered Uber in Atlanta a few years ago and kept hoping they would come to Columbia. Uber is a safe and convenient option that I use regularly. As a single woman, I feel safe knowing that I can see a picture of my driver, have their license plate number, and the make and model of their car before they ever arrive. I also know exactly how long it will take for them to pick me up, and that my entire trip is tracked by GPS, which gives me even more security. I don't have to carry cash on me when I'm out in the evening, and I can wait safely inside instead of waiting out on the street. I do not worry that I will miss my ride, because I get a text when the driver arrives letting me know that they are ready for me. These are additional safety features that as a woman I find make me much safer than I would be hailing a taxi.

In addition, Uber makes it easier for **everyone** to avoid getting behind the wheel when they shouldn't. There is growing data that DUIs decline in cities that have ride share services such as Uber or Lyft. Personally, I know that my friends take fewer risks since the arrival of Uber. The ease and convenience of using Uber as opposed to hailing a cab, makes it much less of an ordeal to leave your car somewhere when you shouldn't be driving. It make the decision not to drive easy. And that makes everyone safer.

Finally, let me say that the last time I had to take a cab in Columbia, I was out in the Vista. It took 50 minutes for me to be picked up. The first cab never showed up, and I had to call back after 30 minutes of waiting. Then the second cab took another 20 minutes to arrive. Not only was the cab service rude and unapologetic about the matter, but I felt that my safety was at risk. I had to wait outside in the dark alone for quite a long time, and I didn't dare go back inside because I didn't want the cab to leave if he didn't see me standing out there waiting for him. If taxi companies modernized and made using them as easy and safe as Uber, I would happily use them. However, they just seem angry that many of us who have had repeated bad experiences with taxis in this city have chosen a better method transportation. The simple fact is, every time I have ever used Uber I have never had to wait more than 15 minutes (and usually under 10) and I have always had a positive and safe experience.

Uber and services like it are our important for the modernization of our city. Columbia is growing into a vital and exciting downtown retail center. I am a proud downtown resident of the city who lives in Elmwood Park, supports the revitalizing of Main Street, and regularly patronizes our local businesses. I am a high income individual, with many friends just like me, and we choose Uber. We believe that services like Uber are important to making the quality of life in our city on par with the best cities in the US. Let's not stay in the dark ages and make it hard for people to enjoy what our city has to offer without taking the risk of driving when they really shouldn't. Let's do the smart thing and embrace the safety, convenience, and growth that a service like Uber offers our city and its local businesses.

Thanks for your consideration.

Shelley Magee

Local Sales Manager

ABC Columbia

Secreatary/Treasurer, AAF Council of Governors

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From: Adams, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 9:57 AM
To: 'Lee Casey'
Subject: RE: Uber

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Dear Mr. Casey:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lee Casey [<mailto:leeperrycasey@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 6:28 AM
To: PSC_Contact
Cc: _RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group
Subject: Uber

Hello: I am a resident of Mount Pleasant, SC. Please allow Uber to operate in South Carolina. I have successfully used Uber in Charleston, Atlanta, NYC and Nashville. As a female I feel much more safe taking Uber by myself as the entire journey is tracked by Uber's system and my driver is known. If there is a problem uber knows who my driver was and where we were. Cabs here in charleston do not have that ability.

By denying Uber the right to operate in SC you are giving the state a poor reputation on the national level.

Thank you,

Lee Perry Casey